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in re application of:

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For: **ADJUSTABLE, RECONFIGURABLE MULTI-
PORT OPTICAL FIBER COUPLER**

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REPLY AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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In response to the Office Action dated March 1, 2004, Applicants submit the following

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It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038 referencing docket number 02708.0029.NPUS00.

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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application No. 10/090,329
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The following documents are forwarded for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

- 1) ***Reply and Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111***
- 2) ***Return postcard***

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038. If extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those otherwise provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned, and any fees therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038, referencing docket number 02708.0029.NPUS00. *A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.*

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Enclosures